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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501



Re: EL-07-018 In the Matter of the Request for a Declaratory Ruling by PPM Energy, Inc Regarding the Siting of Wind Power Facilities.

The Brookings County Commission would like to go on record in support of wind energy. Specifically the matter of EL-07-018 pertains to wind energy development in Brookings County. The Commission speaking as one body recommends that the Minn-Dakota Project be treated as one wind farm and Buffalo Ridge I be treated as a separate wind farm.

The Brookings County Planning Commission has heard both projects and granted Conditional Use Permits for each project separately. Currently there are 36 tower bases presently in the ground in Brookings County awaiting the assembly of the tower masts. The Brookings County Commission considers this as just cause to recommend that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission consider this as two separate and distinct projects, each one producing less than 100 megawatts of energy.

This letter was discussed and approved at the June 5 regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Yours Truly,

Emil Klavetter
Chairperson
Brookings County Commission